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In re Application of
Willett, Kevin R.
Serial No. 09/839,887
Filed: April 20, 2001
For: CONTIGUOUS COLLIQURFACTION
FORMING A SURFACE FILM FOR A COMPOSITE
STRIP

DECISION
ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition filed June 08, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 (VIII) of the MPEP.

DECISION

The petition has been considered and found to be deficient for the following reason: Section 708.02 VIII© requires that a pre-examination search be made; this search should cover all areas searchable by the examiner. However, our review shows that Class 428, Subclasses 143, 220, 323, 327-332, 337, 339, 457, 461, and Class 428, Subclasses 500 and 515 should be searched.

Accordingly, the petition is **DENIED**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard V. Fisher".

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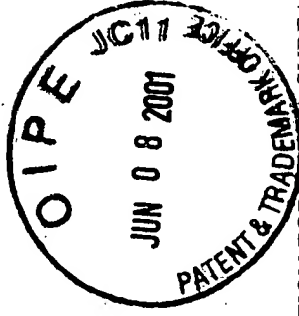
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FILM FOR A COMPOSITE STRIP



Transmittal of a Petition to Make Special including Detailed Discussion Pursuant to MPEP 708.02 VIII (E), an Information Disclosure Statement including copies of cited references and our check in the amount of \$130.00 are hereby received and acknowledged.

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